Reconsideration of the transfer policy for Chief Justice of High Court

3111. **SHRI** PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court has stated the present policy of transferring Chief Justices from one High Court to another is not in the public interest and that it will undermine the independence of the judiciary and goes, against the rule of law; and

(b) if so, whether Government are reconsidering its policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, in his letter dated 12.2.1988 addressed to the President of India, has sought premature voluntary retirement with effect from 2.5.88 on account of the illness of his wife. In this letter, he has *inter-alia* suggested that the policy of transferring Chief Justices of High Courts from outside may be given a second look as it is not in the public interest and would undermine the independence of judiciary which would prove destructive of the rule of law.

The policy of having Chief Justices in High Courts from outside has been evolved after deliberation on demands from various responsible bodies and has been adopted since 1983. The Govt. adheres to this policy. In each case, the transfer is affected after consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

Personal Laws

3112. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any referendum or opinion poll has been or is proposed to be conducted among the minorities to modify the Personal Laws with a view to securing equality and justice to women and girls in respect of various social aspects including marriage, divorce, succession and maintenance etc.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Composite production centre

3113. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a composite production centre with the help of private sector for Defence Research in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) DRDO is setting a composite production facility at Hyderabad, the running of which may be handed over to a production agency adept in managing large production centres.

(b) It is still under negotiation and it is premature to give any details at this stage.

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

3114. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राजभाषा के संवर्द्धन, प्रसार तथा प्रयोग के लिए तथा देवनागरी लिपि वाले टेलेक्स, कम्प्यूटर और टेलीप्रिन्टर आदि रखने के लिए विदेश मंत्रालय और राजदूतावासों को आदेश जारी किए हैं ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या विदेश मंत्रालय ने अब तक हिन्दी को राजभाषा मानकर इसे प्रयोग करना आरम्भ नहीं किया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह): (क) राजभाषा अधिनियम और राजभाषा नियम विदेश मंत्रालय और विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों, दोनों पर भी समान रूप से लागू होते हैं और, इनसे यह अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वे हिन्दी का प्रचार और संवर्द्धन करें तथा जहां तक व्यवहार हो अपने सरकारी काम में इसका प्रयोग करें। विदेश मंत्रालय तथा मिशनों में हिन्दी टाइपराइटर हैं और हिन्दी टेलेक्स, कम्प्यूटरों तथा टेलीप्रिन्टरों की आवश्यकता अभी तक महसूस नहीं की गई।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Reservation for women in the Civil Services

3115. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reserve 20 per cent of posts for women in the Civil Services;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Facilities to Welfare Association of Central Government Employees

3116. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities provided to the Welfare Associations of Central Government Employees; and

(b) the details of schemes launched by Governments so far for the welfare of Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government gives financial grant-in-aid annually to the recognised Central Government Employees' Resident Welfare Associations besides providing them guidance in the organisational matters.

(b) The Government have launched a large number of schemes for the welfare of the Central Government employees and their families. These welfare measures touch upon the interest of the Government servants during office hours as well as outside office hours.

The various welfare schemes are:

(i) Residential Accommodation.

(ii) Educational facilities.

(iii) Medical facilities.

(iv) Transport.

(v) Canteens.

(vi) Promotion of Co-operatives.

(vii) Staff Benevolent Fund.

(viii) Staff Clubs.

(ix) Grant-in-aid for provision of amenities.

(x) Holiday Homes.

(xi) Grih Kalyan Kendra (Family Welfare Centres.)

(xii) Sports and Cultural Activities.

(xiii) Welfare Services and Area Welfare Officers.